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And Methods of Use to Enhance Biotic
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, please consider the following remarks below. Applicants further submit, because the enclosed response is being filed one month from the date of the Office Action, no fee is due.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10, 26-28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 38, 42, 44 and 47, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, or wherein an expression vector comprising the said isolated nucleic acid molecule, or wherein a genetically engineered host comprising the said